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TITLE: FLUORESCENT LAMP HAVING MEANDERING DISCHARGE PATH AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

FLUORESCENT LAMP HAVING MEANDERING DISCHARGE PATH AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME, the specification of which:

[] is attached hereto.
[X] was filed on December 9, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/731,037 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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